

HOUSE BILL 2047

By Hazlewood

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48,
Chapter 57, relative to meetings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 48, Chapter 57, Part 1 is amended by
adding the following new section:

48-57-10_.

(a) Unless the charter or bylaws provide otherwise, and subject to guidelines
and procedures as the corporation may adopt, a corporation may permit one (1) or more
members or proxyholders to participate in a regular or a special meeting by, and the
corporation may conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of remote
communication if:

(1) The corporation implements reasonable measures to verify that each
person deemed present and permitted to vote at the meeting by means of remote
communication is a member entitled to vote or proxyholder of a member entitled
to vote;

(2) The corporation implements reasonable measures to provide
members and proxyholders a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting
and to vote on matters submitted to the members, including an opportunity to
read or hear the proceedings of the meeting substantially concurrently with the
proceedings; and

(3) The corporation maintains a record of each vote or other action taken
by a member or proxyholder that is taken by means of remote communication.

(b) A member or proxyholder who participates in a meeting by the means described in this section, whether the meeting is to be held at a designated place or solely by means of remote communication, is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.